

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 7-13 remain in the application. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended.

With reference to the Office action, it is appreciatively noted that the application has been indicated to be in condition for allowance, subject to several formal matters.

With regard to the drawing objection, enclosed please find a corrected drawing in which the necessary lead lines have been darkened so as to be properly visible. The Examiner objected to the alleged lack of an illustration concerning the "two opposite directions of travel" of the guide surface and of the ribbon. It is believed that the two-arrow rotation of the rollers 17 indeed indicates the two directions of travel of the guide surface 15. We have therefore not added double arrows to the guide surface. Should the Examiner insist, however, it would be relatively easy to add a double arrow to the guide surface 15. A telephone call in that regard would be appreciated.

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With reference to the Examiner's objection to the title, we have adopted the Examiner's suggested title with a slight change.

The abstract has been amended as well by reducing its word count and by eliminating all unnecessary terminology as well as the reference numerals.

Finally, the Examiner's suggestions concerning claims 7 and 12 have been adopted as well.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner is requested to process this application for a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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